

TO: Medical Home Working Group and other Interested Parties

FROM: Montana Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Monica J. Lindeen

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Last fall, I began to convene a group of stakeholders interested in creating a multi-payer medical home demonstration project. As the convener, my role is to facilitate agreement among payers, providers and patient advocates to offer uniformity in patient attribution, reimbursement, technical support and outcomes measurement to deliver the greatest effectiveness possible in program design.

The group has agreed on the following definition of a medical home to be used in the pilot project.

In Montana, a patient centered medical home is health care directed by primary care providers offering family centered, culturally effective care that is coordinated, comprehensive, continuous, and, when possible, in the patient's community and integrated across systems. Health care is characterized by enhanced access, an emphasis on prevention, and improved health outcomes and satisfaction. Primary care providers receive payment that recognizes the value of medical home services.

I now put forward to the group a recommendation that we use the NCQA PCMH 2011 Standards to recognize a practice or hospital as eligible for the pilot project or to receive any changed reimbursement as a medical home. A provider, provider group or hospital must receive NCQA Level 1 recognition to be eligible.

Please submit all comments to this proposal to Christine Kaufmann at ckaufmann@mt.gov or by mail or in person to 840 Helena Ave, Helena, MT 59601. Comments will be accepted until June 20, 2011.